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RE: Finance Docket No. 35116, RJ Corman Railroad Co., Beech Creek Branch Line
Construction and Operation – between Wallacetown and Gorton, Pennsylvania;
Preliminary Consultation

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Although you are not soliciting public comment at this time, I feel it is important that you know the above referenced request will serve a project that has encountered serious obstacles and fierce opposition. I believe any further study of this request is premature and wasteful of taxpayer funded resources. Consider the following:

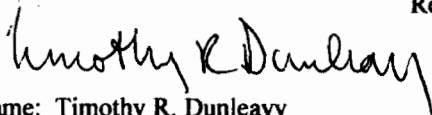
- The application for the landfill this rail line would serve has been suspended since October 2006.
- The application for the quarry was deemed deficient in May 2007.
- There is no formal application submitted for a biofuels plant.
- There are four federal agencies on record that have identified environmental issues of concern regarding the project that would be served by this rail line.

If you continue to proceed with this RJ Corman request, it is imperative a full environmental impact statement be prepared in order to assess the environmental impact of this proposal *and* the project it will serve.

The small towns affected by this proposal lack the means to fund the necessary infrastructure and public services needed for a project this size. The residents of Centre County do not want to end up responsible for those costs. We do not wish to pay so dearly for at best a few dozen jobs. A thorough study of the facts and issues involved in this project will prove its futility.

Respectfully,

Signature:



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Please sign and fax or mail this letter. It is critical you let the decision makers know you oppose this project. SILENCE IS THE SAME AS APPROVAL.